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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN OUTER MONGOLIA

In June 1950, the Council of Ministers, Mongolian People's Republic, and the Central Committee, Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party, issued a directive on "measures to be taken to improve the people's health and protection," beginning with a sharp reduction in the prices of medicines and medical equipment. This went into effect as of 1 January 1951.

The Central Pharmaceutical Institute has made a wide distribution of medicines and medical equipment among the pharmacies of Ulan Bator and throughout the aymags and sumas administrative divisions. The average prices of medicines have dropped by 60 to 70 percent. The prices of essential drugs have been greatly reduced, e.g., the price of penicillin reduced by 97.3 percent, sulfidine by 94.7 percent, disulfan by 90 percent, streptomycin by 80 percent, aspirin by 75 percent, and streptocide (red-white medicine) by 62.5 percent,

In the Central Pharmacy of Tot Aymag, the prices of drugs have been reduced by many tens of thousands of tugriks. The prices of drugs held in the Suhe Baatar Aymag were cut by 127,000 tugriks. This general price cut has assured all our people an equal opportunity in the procurement of drugs, and the supply is adequate for their needs. The people are sincerely grateful to the government and the party for raising and stabilizing their livelihood.

Lubsarggombo, cattle herder from Nyalga Suma in Tob Aymag, in making purchases of medicines from the Central Pharmacy of the Central Pharmaceutical Institute, stated that the lowered price was a great boon to all concerned. This new emphasis on the people's health and the availability of medical facilities was the result of the leadership of the party, the government, and of Choybalsan. By peaceful pursuits such as these, the workers of our country are encouraged to continue their efforts towards peace and self-improvement.

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